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**Subject:** meetings in Cove in early sept

Hi Michele!

Just wanted to touch base again on the meeting we want to have with the Cove Day School in early September. I'm copying Chandra as well since issues with the school are potentially related to contaminated structures.

We've been coordinating with one of the School Board members (Mr. Lee Roy), and he got back to us late last week and said he wants to have the meeting about the Cove Day School on Friday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am. He's going to invite BIA as well as parents and the architect that will be working on rebuilding the school next year. Here's a draft agenda that includes topics that I brainstormed with the school board member—please let me know if you have any thoughts:

### **Meeting to Discuss Cove Day School**

Friday, September 4, 10 am

Cove Day School

Highway 13, Red Valley, AZ 86544

**Purpose:** While conducting interviews with residents about contamination from the abandoned uranium mines earlier this year, U.S. EPA heard concerns about the Cove Day School. During this meeting, EPA wants to better understand any concerns there might be about the abandoned mines impacting the school, and to work with School Board officials, BIA, and parents to come up with any needed next steps to ensure the school is safe.

### **Agenda**

- Introductions
- Purpose of the Meeting
- Questions/Discussion
- Needed next steps?

Can you join us on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> for this meeting? If you're able to make it, it would be very helpful to have you. And while it's not on the agenda, I'm anticipating that we'll get lots of questions about the Gold King Mine Spill. Wilson's heading out to the field on Sunday to help with community outreach for the Spill and I'll be heading out next Wednesday—between the two of us, hopefully we'll be up on the latest information and will do our best to answer people's questions.

To make the most of our time in Cove, we're also planning on some community interviews to wrap up the Cove CIP on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> and some training for Tina Ulrich, the local liaison that's a subcontractor for Skeo. You're welcome to join us for that as well, of course. I need to talk to Secody before finalizing what we'll be doing on Sept. 3 for the CIP interviews and the training for Tina—he's been in the field helping with the response to the Gold King Mine Spill and is supposed to be back in the office on Tuesday.

Thanks much,

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**From:** Chilingaryan, Sona  
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**Subject:** RE: cove day school meeting in early sept?

Resending to include Michele's NN EPA address. Please let me know if you have any thoughts about having a meeting in Cove re. the Cove Day School the week of Sept. 1. Thanks!

**From:** Chilingaryan, Sona  
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**Subject:** cove day school meeting in early sept?

Hi All,

In response to concerns we've heard from the Cove community, we've been speaking to folks about the Cove Day School, and we've learned that construction will not happen at the school until next year.

Secody and I spoke with Ron Lee, a school board member, and he asked for a face to face meeting to discuss the school, and he's happy to work with us to make sure that BIA and concerned parents get a chance to attend and be a part of the conversation. Victoria Yazzie, a parent at the school, also asked that we have a discussion with parents about their concerns. After speaking with Wilson about other Cove related travel, I would like to target the week of Sept. 1 for this meeting. Michele, it would be extremely helpful to have NN EPA be a part of this discussion— please let me know if you have thoughts about the timing. Others, please pass on any thoughts about the timing as well.

As soon as we pin down a date, we can discuss the agenda. I'm attaching the only information I have related to assessment work that's been done by Navajo Superfund near the school (thanks, Michele, for providing this!). As far as I know, the school has not been assessed for radiation related contamination though Mr. Lee referred to BIA doing some type of assessment work at the school in the past. It would be good to clarify what that was.

Thanks much,

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